

Stressed to the Breaking Point

The church was electric with the power and presence of the Lord. Revival gatherings were taking place morning, noon and night. It was exhilarating as well as physically exhausting going at such a pace.

But God was obviously meeting deep needs among the children as well as the adults. Visitors were coming and going, and our home, like the church building, was the center of activity and wonderful fellowship.

I was just clearing the breakfast table and laughing with some of our guests when I heard a thump and a weak cry for help. Heading in the direction of the cry, I discovered 88-year-old Nana, who had been living with us for a number of years, on the floor. It was obvious that she had experienced a stroke.

Yearning for More of God

The path to the higher realms of the Spirit has always led through the barren wilderness. It is there we realize the desperate hunger and thirst within that only God can satisfy.

Remember the Holocaust

In late March I took the trip of a lifetime. I spent seven days in Israel touring historic sites and ancient ruins that date back more than 2,000 years. I discovered the roots of my Christian faith and watched the Bible come to life.

My schedule was packed with many interesting places to see, including the Western Wall, the Garden Tomb and the Upper Room, where Jesus ate the Last Supper. I floated in the Dead Sea and toured the Valley of Jezreel, which overlooks the ancient city of Armageddon, the place of the final war mentioned in Revelation.

But I was haunted by my visit to Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial Museum, located on the Mount of Remembrance in Jerusalem. Without any warning, I found myself in tears.

Rewards for Obeying God

Countless times God's Word assures us of His desire to bless our lives if we commit our steps to Him. We're also told that willful disobedience will eventually result in unwelcome consequences. Often we can determine the good or bad outcome of life's situations by the degree to which we willingly walk in obedience to God's commands.

Be Still

If you're anything like I am, you live a very busy life.  Actually, you don't live just a busy life, you live a *hectic* life!

The moment my feet hit the ground, I dash here and there filling my day with everything imaginable—work, church, meetings, volunteering, witnessing, shopping. The list goes on. Oftentimes I feel like the Energizer Bunny—I keep going and going and going at maximum speed.

But guess what? I'm tired! I'm tired of living on adrenaline. I want God to flood my soul with His peace and contentment, and help me to resist the temptation to do more and more. I need Him to remind me from time to time that only what I do for Christ will last. I was grateful the other day when He told me to “be still” and hear Him.

When God Disappoints Us

Some of the greatest challenges to our faith are those  moments when we must endure the cold blight of a disappointment. The greater the anticipation, the greater the disappointment when we fail to receive what we have anticipated.

There is no shield that can keep away the days that come to teach our hearts submission to God's will and purpose for us. There are no roses so fragrant that they dismiss for us the tingling sensations of brokenness that come upon us when we see our expectations cave in.

Seven Reasons to Support Israel

Everything Christians do should be based upon the biblical text. The following are seven biblical reasons why Christians everywhere should stand up and speak up for Israel. This is taken from the Leadership manual for Christians United for Israel. It's so good, we got permission to share it here.

1. God has promised to bless the man or nation that blesses His chosen people. History has proven beyond a reasonable doubt that the nations that have been blessed the Jewish people have had the blessing of God. The nations that have cursed the Jewish people have experienced the curse of God.

And I will bless them that bless thee and curse him that curseth thee; and in thee shall all nations of the earth be blessed. Genesis 12:3

A Pilgrim's Progress

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My name is Valerie G. Lowe and I'm the editor of the new Standing with Israel e-newsletter. One of the most rewarding and exciting places I've ever traveled to is Israel. I'd always wanted to take a pilgrimage to the Holy Land but didn't

think the opportunity would ever present itself. After years of waiting, it finally did.

I recently returned from Israel, and every week I will share with you a video, blog or photos of my trip. Today you're watching a video of my visit to Galilee, where I went for a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee and learned how to cast a fishing net the way it was done in biblical times. I also learned a Jewish dance. [Click here to watch.](#)

CUFI Stands with Israel on Capitol Hill

✖ Pastor John Hagee, founder and chairman of Christians United for Israel (CUFI), presented a petition expressing solidarity with the State of Israel to members of Congress in late March. The petition is signed by more than 100,000 American Christians.

The Israel Pledge says:

"We believe that the Jewish people have a right to live in their ancient land of Israel, and that the modern State of Israel is the fulfillment of this historic right.

We maintain that there is no excuse for acts of terrorism against Israel and that Israel has the same right as every other nation to defend her citizens from such violent attacks.

Say It, Sister!

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To purchase a DVD of Joyce's entire message, click here

What's Been On Your Mind Lately?

Have you ever heard the saying "You are what you think?" It's true. Your thoughts carry a lot of weight and oftentimes dictate your actions. When you don't guard your mind from negative influences, your thoughts eventually control who you are and what you believe about yourself.

Let well-known Bible teacher Joyce Meyer help you discover the freedom that comes with taking authority over your thoughts in the trailer, "What's Been On Your Mind Lately?"